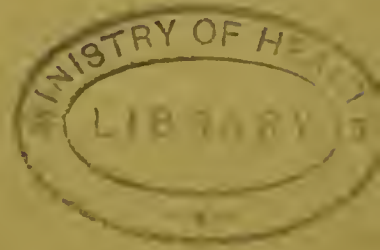


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BRIGG URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
53 BRIDGE STREET,
BRIGG.



To the Chairman and Members of the
Glanford Brigg Urban Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you a Survey Report on the Sanitary Welfare and Progress of the Urban District during 1925 and the four preceding years. This report as regards the arrangement and order of sub headings is drawn up in accordance with circular 648 (England) of the Ministry of Health.

I am indebted to Mr. A. E. King, Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor for information with regard to Sanitary Inspection and new Building and also for much work conscientiously performed during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANCIS J. O. KING, M.B.

Brigg Urban District, 1925.

General Statistics.

Area in acres (land and water) ....	....	462
Population, 1925 : 3,442. Census, 1921 : 3,305		
No. of Inhabited Houses ....	....	737
No. of separate Occupiers ....	....	721
Rateable Value of District ....	....	£14,317
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ....	....	£59-13-0

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

Births—Legitimate 61. 32 males, 33 females.		
Illegitimate 4. 3 males, 1 female		
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 net births		16·39
Infantile Deaths—Total 1. Illegitimate nil.		
Total Deaths adults ....	....	45
No. of women dying in childbirth ....	....	nil
Deaths from Measles ....	....	nil
Deaths from Diarrhœa, under 2 years ....	....	nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough ....	....	nil
Unusual Mortality ....	....	nil
Birth Rate (Registrar General) ....	....	17·71
Death Rate (Registrar General) ....	....	13·07

Details of Birth and Death Rates for the last five years.

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate
1921	24·35	8·12
1922	19·57	15·96
1923	19·62	9·81
1924	19·51	12·81
1925	17·71	13·07

General Remarks.

The birth rate has not increased much. Of late years unemployment may have had some influence in this direction as well as the high cost of living.

Improvements which have occurred in the progress and Sanitation of the Brigg Urban District 1921-25 inclusive.

It is evident that there has been considerable sanitary progress during this period even to a casual visitor to the town. The biggest step forward is in my opinion the provision of New Houses under the Council's schemes 1921-1925. Details are given elsewhere in this report. The repair of existing unfit houses and the provision of proper sanitary conveniences both of a public nature and where these structures were in disrepair is also much more satisfactory. The general Public in Brigg has come to realize that Statutory Notices and insistence on repair is not a personal matter but a necessity for the common good, and, in many cases, to the advantage of the owner concerned. Some effort has also been made to provide a more plentiful supply of water and an additional bore near the Infirmary was so arranged as to supplement the existing supply. While the total supply is not all that could be desired, it is a great improvement on that which existed previously. The water has rather a high content of iron but is otherwise good. A sewer which had given trouble in previous years in Grammar School Road has given practically no cause for complaint since it was re-laid. It is possible that with increase in the building on the Wrawby side of the town some alteration may have in the future to be made in the sewage mains. The sewage disposal plant has also been working much more satisfactorily since it was renovated and the effluent now produced is very satisfactory.

In Coney Court and in building the new Bank in Wrawby St., two rather undesirable areas have been modernised and improved.

Some unfit houses have been closed and the Council's Scheme for dealing with the worst areas should enable more closures to be made.

Wrawby Street and the Market Place have been re-paved and the surface is now excellent. The replacement of the old fashioned cobblestones by a modern product cannot but be considered a sanitary measure of importance. The moving about of the refuse tip and proper covering of refuse is also more satisfactory. The latest site is adjacent to the sewage works. It is probable that in the near future the lighting of the town, at present gas, will be electric which is cleaner and healthier. New Buildings proposed are (1) New Schools (2) County Council Tuberculosis and Infant Welfare Clinic, (3) Playground and School Clinic. All these would be of great benefit to the welfare of the town.

During the year Meat Inspection and marking was adopted by the Council under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. This is a Sanitary measure of prime importance and with the necessary notification of slaughter gives a great measure of control to the Sanitary Authority as regards a healthy Meat Supply. The measure is received well by the butchers and meat sellers concerned. With the provision of the Housing

Scheme and building by private enterprise along Wrawby Road this portion of the town has become much more Urban in character.

Most of the houses in the town have the town water supply, exceptions are (1) Bridge St., (2) Certain houses in Grammar School Road. It is probable that most houses will soon be on the Town Supply. Closure of undesirable wells is being insisted upon where practicable.

Infectious disease in Brigg Urban District during the year 1925.

It is gratifying to note that there is a decline in the incidence of all Infectious disease with the exception of Tuberculosis. In particular it is worthy of note that the **Diphtheria rate during the last two years is lower than it has ever been before.** This I attribute almost entirely to the improvements in the sanitation of the town, and in particular to the more regular removal of refuse from certain areas and the improved supervision of sewage disposal and Sewers.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever have occurred and while not suggesting that in these cases the infection was borne by milk, I would emphasise the fact that infection is readily carried in this way. The importance of clean milk cannot be over estimated. I would urge on retailers of milk in Brigg that need for improvement exists.

I am pleased to note that very much less opposition to the Isolation in Hospital of Infectious Cases exists and in most cases patients benefit by the change of air.

In connection with Tuberculosis: It is evident when inspecting premises in Brigg that the advantages of open windows, sunlight, and fresh air, are not realized. It is useless to think of these things when the disease has made headway and become advanced. Prevention is the essence of the Modern Treatment of Tuberculosis.

It is noteworthy that no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred during the year. It is evident to every medical man that Carcinoma (Cancer) is increasing. Deaths from the disease during the year numbered 7 in Brigg Urban District.

Analysis of cases of Infectious disease occurring in Brigg Urban district during the last five years

DISEASE.	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Small Pox	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Diphtheria	13	8	5	1	2
Scarlet Fever	nil	1	7	6	5
Enteric Fever (Typhoid)	nil	nil	nil	nil	1
Puerperal Fever	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Pneumonia	2	1	3	2	4
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	9	4	8	4	11
Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary	2	1	1	5	8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	nil	nil	nil	nil
C.S. Fever	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Encephalitis (sleepy sickness)	nil	nil	1	nil	nil

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..
5	1	...	1	4	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
15	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
20	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	...
35	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	1
45	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	2	..	..	...	...	...	...	...
65 & upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	10	1	2	6		1	1	1

Sanitation.

Sewage Disposal.

In spite of all improvement, there is one fact that still remains a reproach to an otherwise up-to-date community namely, the large number of pail closets in the town and the proportionately small number of water closets. Pail closets are never sanitary without constant sanitary attention from the individual householder, this they do not receive in Brigg, hence they are and will always be a potential source of danger, trivial on first thoughts perhaps yet very real.

Housing.

Brigg possesses, as I have previously reported, large numbers of houses badly ventilated, old in structure, ill lighted and damp. Some attempt has been made to provide new houses, but few of the old and undesirable houses have been vacated. The most insanitary portions of the town are Engine Street, Morley's Yard, Draper's Yard, Ancholme Court, Elwes Street. Back to back houses exist in Elwes Street and Morley's Yard, these are out of date and insanitary. While commenting on housing conditions, I would enter a plea for modern practice in the arrangement of new streets and the improvement of old ones. Above all things is free air space and free ventilation necessary, this means wide roads and streets and possibly the rejection of heterogeneous buildings which are unsuitable for a particular area or, obstructive.

Brigg needs a public open space or small park suitable for a children's playground.

General Public Health.

Pure food, cleanly prepared, is the basis of existence. It is time that this was more fully realised. Grade A Milk is now on sale in the town, that fact itself is comparatively unimportant, merely an up to date improvement, but the system behind Grade A Milk of Inspection and Confiscation of Privilege, where this is abused, is of vital importance.

It matters not where the food comes from if it is good food, fresh food, cleanly prepared.

The essence of good food is Freshness. Far too much tinned or preserved food is consumed, especially by children.

Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

(a). General.

A District Nurse is available for the residents of the Brigg Urban Area. Her house is situated in Queen Street. The Nurse is supported by voluntary contributors.

Financial arrangements are as follows :

LABOURERS—Subscribers 3/- per year ; Non-Subscribers 1/6 a week.

ARTIZANS, CLERKS AND SMALL TRADESPEOPLE—Subscribers 6/- per year ; Non-Subscribers 3/- a week.

FARMERS, TRADESMEN AND OTHERS—Subscribers 10/6 per year ; Non-Subscribers 5/- a week or 1/- daily visit.

MATERNITY CASES—Labourers 7/6 ; Artizans, etc. 10/6 ; Farmers, etc. 15/-.

(b). Infectious Disease.

Two nurses have been appointed in the County, one stationed at Louth and one at Lincoln, their duty is to visit :

(1). Cases of Measles and Whooping Cough reported by school teachers, and to nurse severe and complicated cases in the houses where no other nursing is available.

(2). Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum and Puerperal Fever, and to carry out doctors instructions for treatment when necessary.

Cases for isolation are dealt with individually or are taken without the district to Hospitals at Scartho and Lincoln. These arrangements are controlled by the Lindsey County Council in conjunction with the Local Medical Officer of Health.

Midwives.—There are no midwives practising as such under the Local Authority of the district. Two midwives reside in the town.

Clinic and Treatment Centres.

Brigg, Liberal Club, Queen St.	Tuberculosis	Thursday	Weekly
Brigg, 20, Bigby Street	School Clinic	Thursday	Weekly
Brigg, Town Hall	Child Welfare	Wednesday	Fortnightly
Scunthorpe, 5a, Home Street	V.D. Clinic	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	} Weekly

Hospitals provided or subsidised by Local Authority or by the County Council.

Tuberculosis.—Beds are reserved at the Dawber Sanatorium, Lincoln, and Borough Sanatorium, Ipswich, also at Branston Hall, near Lincoln. Patients suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis are treated as vacancies arise in the Laceby Sanatorium, near Grimsby, and Sanatoria at Withernsea, Ashford, Hazelmere, Derby, Morpeth, Ventnor, Holt, Kelling, Hexenden, Midhurst and Wyton. Cases of Surgical Tuberculosis are sent to Lord Mayor Treloar's Home at Alton, to the Margate Sea Bathing Hospital in the Isle of Wight, and to the County Hospital, Lincoln. Ex-service men are sent to Preston Hall Colony, Aylesford, Kent. for treatment and training.

Maternity.—Maternity Home, Scunthorpe, (Lindsey County Council).

Children.—Beds are reserved at the Children's Convalescent Home, West Kirby, and a Day Open Air School for delicate children is provided at Louth.

Fever.—Cases requiring isolation are notified by the Local Medical Officer of Health to the County Medical Officer, who arranges for their admission to Isolation Hospitals at Scartho or Lincoln.

Small Pox.—Cases of Small Pox are removed to Osgodby Isolation Hospital near Caistor.

Other Hospital Arrangements.—The Glanford Brigg Infirmary is situated within the district and deals with the aged and infirm of the Urban and a large Rural area. Cases requiring operation in hospital are sent to Lincoln County Hospital, Grimsby and District Hospital, and Hull Royal Infirmary, Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, and Nursing Homes in Scunthorpe, Hull, Grimsby and Lincoln.

Institutional Accommodation.—Unmarried mothers and Illegitimate children, nil. Homeless children, Glanford Brigg Union.

Laboratory Work.

Considerable use has been made of the Lincoln County Pathological and Bacteriological Laboratory. Pathological specimens are sent by all the practitioners in the area. The examination of Throat Swabs for Diphtheria, Sputum for Tubercle Baccili, and Blood for suspected Enteric, has been of the very greatest assistance.

Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health: F. J. O. King, M.B., B.Ch. Dublin University. part time Officer. Salary £30 per annum. Contribution under Public Health Act.

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (part time): A. E. King, Esq., A.M.I.S.E., A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. Salary £200 per annum.

Byelaws and Adoptive Acts in force in Brigg Urban District.

Adoptive Acts.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, part 3, section 67, 1907.
 Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.
 Private Street Works Act, 1892. Put into effect as required.
 Notification of Births Act, 1907.
 Public Health Act, 1925

Bye-laws.

Scavenging and Cleaning, P.H. Act, 1875, sec. 44, P.H. Amendment Act, 1890, sec. 26.
 Prevention of Nuisances, P.H. Act, 1875, sec. 44.
 Regulation of Common Lodging Houses, P.H. Act, 1875, sec. 80.
 Regulation of Offensive Trades, P.H. Act, 1875, sec. 113.
 New Streets and Buildings, P.H. Act, 1875, sec 69, P.H. Amendment Act, 1890, sec. 23.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.—The water supply is just sufficient for the present needs of the town. It is derived from two sources (1) A series of interconnected wells and a small reservoir draining a catchment area at St. Helens well near Wrawby, (2) A deep bore situated near the Infirmary from which water can be pumped into the main near Queen Street. There is no Plumbo Solvent action. There is some complaint of rust.

Rivers and Streams.—No pollution occurred during the year.

Drainage and Sewage.—Sewage and surface water from a considerable area reach the sump situated close to the Gas Works and are pumped from there to the Sewage Disposal plant in Redcome Lane. This consists of Sedimentation Tanks, Sludge Lagoons and Sprinkler Filters. The effluent disposed on the land is now satisfactory.

Closet Accommodation.—There are no privy closets. There are about 750 pail closets in the district and about 215 water closets. Four dry receptacles were replaced by water closets during the year.

Conversions to water carriage of pail closets is being carried out where advisable.

Scavenging.—House refuse is removed weekly and removal has been efficient.

Sanitary Inspection.—Details of the work will be found elsewhere in this report, but it will be noticed that 93 Statutory Notices were issued during the year.

BRIGG URBAN DISTRICT.

Report of Mr. A. E. KING, Sanitary Inspector, for the year 1925.

Dwellinghouses.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total	...	46
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme	...	nil
(c) No State Assisted	...	46

1. Unfit Dwellinghouses.

Inspection—

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	...	nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	9
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	12

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	...	8
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3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A. *Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:—		
(a) by owners	..	nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	...	nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts.*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied:—		
(a) by owners	...	nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	nil

C. *Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning etc., Act, 1909.*

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	}	nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made		
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit		
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made		
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders		

NOTE.—No Closing Orders made since 1925 Act came into force.

Canal Boats used as Dwelling-houses.

No registered under Acts	...	nil
No. of Inspections	...	16
No. of contraventions of regulations	...	3
No. of contraventions remedied	...	3

Movable Dwellings, Tents, Vans, &c.

No. inspected during the year	...	nil
No. of nuisances therefrom abated	...	nil
No. removed from district	...	nil

Bakehouses.

No. in district	...	6
No. of underground bakehouses	...	nil
No. of Inspections	18 (3 each	
Contraventions of Factory Acts	...	1
Defects remedied	...	1

Slaughter-houses.

No. on register	...	8
No. of Inspections	Daily under P.H. (Meat) Regulations 1925	
Frequency of Inspections	Daily	
Contraventions of byelaws	..	3
Defects remedied	...	3

Cowsheds.

No. on register	...	5
No. of Inspections	20 (4 times per year	
Frequency of Inspections	ditto.	
Contraventions of regulations	...	nil
Contraventions remedied	...	nil
No. of milch cows in district	...	55
What arrangements for Veterinary Inspections of Cows?	Inspected every three mths	

Common Lodging Houses.

No. registered under byelaws	..	1
No. of inspections made	...	4
No. of contraventions of byelaws	...	nil
No. of contraventions remedied	...	nil

Dairies and Milk Shops.

No. on register	..	5
No. of Inspections	...	20
Frequency of Inspections	3 or 4 times a year	
Contraventions of regulations	...	nil
Contraventions remedied	...	nil
Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year	...	none

Unsound Food.

(a) Animals seized	...	—
(b) Articles seized	...	—
Condemned by Magistrate (a)	...	—
(b)	...	—
Articles surrendered	2 Sheep under P.H. (Meat) Regulations, 1925	

Offensive Trades.

No. of premises in district	...	nil
No. of Inspections	...	nil
Contraventions of byelaws	...	nil
Contraventions remedied	..	nil

Water Supply.

Wells—New sunk, cleansed, repaired, closed as polluted	...	nil
Public Supply—Area supplied	Whole of town except Bridge St. supplied by Public Supply	
Percentage of houses supplied	...	—
New Cisterns provided	...	—
Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered, etc.	...	—
Number of samples obtained for analysis	...	1
(a) from wells	...	1
(b) from public supply	...	—
Any insufficiency and where	...	nil

Closets.

No. of houses with privy vaults in district	...	—
No. of houses with pail closets in district	750 approx.	
No. of pail closets substituted for privy vaults	..	—
No. of pail closets repaired	(Orders for new pans are issued when required)	
No. of houses with water-closets in district	...	16
No. of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles	...	4
„ „ repaired	...	4

Drains.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, &c.	...	6
„ unstopped, repaired, trapped, &c.	...	6
Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, &c.	...	—
New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed	...	1
Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts repaired	...	3
Drains reconstructed	...	nil

Sewers.

New lengths of sewer laid

400 yds. in Woodbine Avenue.

Tanks, Filter Beds, &c.

Alterations to sewage disposal works

New Filter Beds

Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works or complaints as to smells ... No

Cesspools.

Cesspools rendered impervious	...	nil
„ emptied, cleansed, &c.	...	nil
„ abolished	...	nil

Disinfection.

Rooms disinfected	...	5
(a) ordinary infectious disease	...	3
(b) tuberculosis	...	2
Rooms stripped and cleansed	...	nil
Articles disinfected or destroyed	...	nil
(a) ordinary infectious disease	...	nil
(b) tuberculosis	...	nil

House Refuse.

No. of covered ashpits	...	nil
No. of uncovered ashpits	...	nil
No. of bins substituted for ashpits	...	nil
No. of houses using bins	...	300
Is refuse removed by householders or by public scavenger?	Public Scavenger	
How frequently is refuse removed from each house	... Weekly	
No. of complaints of non-removal	...	nil
Method of final disposal	tipped into old clay-pit and covered up	
Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory?	...	yes

Nuisances.

Total No. of Nuisances during year—	...	101
(1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector	...	8
(2) Reported to Council { Statutory notice issued	...	93
„ „ not issued	...	—

Details of Nuisances Abated.

	After Informal Notice.	After Statutory Notice.
Overcrowding	nil	—
Smoke	1	—
Accumulation of refuse	2	—
Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water	nil	—
Foul pigs and other animals	1	—
Dampness	24	—
Yards re-paved or repaired	3	—
Other nuisances	nil	—

Annual Salary as Inspector £100	Other Appointments held Surveyor	Salary for such other Appointments. £100
Any Assistants ?	none	

Supplementary Remarks as to Sanitary requirements of District and extended notes from any of the foregoing entries.

During the past two years considerable improvements in the sanitation of the town have been made, but there is yet a good deal to do to make the town quite healthy.

Inspection and Supervision of food.

Milk Supply.—The milk produced and brought into the area is good but with the exception of the grade A Certified Milk enough care is not utilized in protecting it from contamination in the Medical sense before use, both producers and the purchasers should realize this. Much education is needed to force public opinion to insist on pure milk containing small numbers of bacteria in preference to milk which may be of high bacterial content. The policy of "What the eye does not see the heart need not grieve about" is out of date.

To ensure clean milk (1) Cows udders should be washed before milking (2) Cowsheds should be clean and limewashed frequently (3) Workers should be clean, (4) Vessels should be clean and frequently scoured, (5) Milk should never be left uncovered by the user.

Tuberculous Cattle.—Mr. W. W. Lang, M.R.C.V.S. is Veterinary Inspector to the Brigg Urban Council. Tuberculous Cattle are destroyed where possible.

Graded Milk.—One establishment situated outside the district is licensed to sell "Grade A" Milk within the district. This establishment is the Wressle Dairy, (Proprietor J. Skinner, Esq). This milk is of the highest quality.

Bacteriological examination of Graded Milk.

	Bacteria per c.c.	B. Coli in 1 and 100 ccs.
Jan.	1030	—ve
Feb.	7000	—ve
Mar.	8550	—ve
April	10,200	—ve
May	1620	—ve
June	2050	—ve
July	millions	present
August	380	—ve
Sept.	10,300	—ve
Oct.	700	—ve
Nov.	380	—ve
Dec.	6000	—ve

Housing.

General Housing Conditions in the District.

It cannot be denied, that there are a large number of bad houses, old in structure, defective in lighting and ventilation and in some cases in considerable disrepair in various portions of the Brigg Urban Area. Brigg, (as have so many of the older towns) has been built with a series of Alleys or Courts at right angles to the main streets and in some cases in far too close proximity to one another. A certain amount of this property has been dealt with by Sanitary Measures, but much remains.

Houses are difficult to obtain in the area and even better class houses in most cases have high rents for their particular type.

As regards Working Class Dwellings there is considerable overcrowding and the majority of the indifferent property above mentioned houses families which are too large for the accomodation available.

Of course in certain cases overcrowding is aggravated by the foolish use of the facilities available, but this will always be so until some education of the classes concerned results in the advantages of Light Air and Cleanliness being more fully understood. I believe that in Brigg the Infant Welfare and Maternity Schemes of the Lindsey County Council and the domiciliary visiting of Tubercular cases have accomplished much in this direction.

Measures taken or contemplated to meet shortage of houses.

It is with very great pleasure that I can state that the provision of New Buildings by the Local Authority, (Brigg Urban Council) has received the very greatest and continued attention during the last five years. In another part of this report a table will be found shewing the building which has taken place during this period. This is a progressive policy and will result in real benefit to the inhabitants of the area. It gives me equal pleasure to be able to report that a scheme is contemplated to provide more houses to replace some of the more unhealthy portions of the town. These houses will be of a smaller size than those already constructed but will let at a moderate rent. With regard to the type of house that has been constructed I may say that they reach a very fair standard and although the earlier ones have suffered slightly from difficulties of obtaining good building material, those built more recently are good airy, well lighted dwellings of modern design. The Council's Housing Scheme is on the whole a credit to the town.

Overcrowding.

Until lately it was hardly realized that houses constructed under the Municipal Scheme, barely sufficed to meet the demand for houses of

those engaged in business occupations. Overcrowding in this class was not marred. Thus it was soon evident that overcrowding in the poorer classes was not being relieved. Preference was then given to those of the working class who needed houses badly owing to being housed in bad property. The latest scheme proposes to construct a more modest type of house with consequent benefit to those living in the worst houses.

Fitness of Houses in the Area.

There are a large number of good houses in the district, but the older houses are badly lighted and ventilated even where the structure is good.

Unfit Houses.

A certain number of back to back houses, viz : Houses with no air space in between two dwellings back and front, exist and from a sanitary standpoint must be condemned. I am glad to say that some effort is now being made to deal with this question of conversion. Back to back houses exist in Chapel Yard, Engine St., Elwes St. Other cramped and ill ventilated streets are Ancholme Court, Morleys Yard, Drapers Yard. The chief defects found in houses are, Damp, sloping bedroom ceilings, lack of through ventilation, insufficient bedroom accomodation, also to dilapidated structure inside and outside. This last cause is in some cases due to lack of care by the occupiers.

Housing Brigg Urban District, 1920-1925.

Year

1920—24 Non-parlour type houses built.

1924 Scheme A.—24 Non-parlour type houses built.

1924 Scheme B.—10 Parlour type houses built.

1925 Scheme A.—10 Parlour type houses built.

1925 Scheme B.—36 Non-parlour type houses built.

Total 104 houses.—20 Parlour type, 84 Non-parlour type.

Proposed 1926 scheme—50 Non-parlour type houses.

Housing, 1925.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :

(a)	Total	....	46
(b)	With State assistance under the Housing Acts, 1919, 1923, 1924		
	(1) By Local Authority	....	46
	(2) By other bodies or persons	....	nil

1. Unfit Dwelling-houses.

Inspection—

(1)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	150
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	nil
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	6
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	80

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notice.

Number rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	8
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3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A. *Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1919.*

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	nil
2	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	(a) by owners	nil
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	nil
3	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close	nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts.*

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	80
2	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	80
	(a) by owners	80
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	nil

C. *Proceedings under sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.*

1	Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	nil
2	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	nil
3	Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit....	nil
4	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	nil
5	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	nil

Particulars required by the Home Office Factory Acts.

Factories, Workshops, and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspector of Nuisances.

Premises.	Inspections.	Number of Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories 2 (Including Factory Laundries)	3	2	nil
Workshops 22 (Including Workshop Laundries)	16	3	nil
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' premises)	3	nil	nil
Total 24	22	5	nil

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Particulars.	Found.	Number of Defects. Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Number of Prosecutions.
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts.</i>				
Want of cleanliness	3	3	nil	nil
Sanitary accommodation				
insufficient	1	1	nil	nil
unsuitable or defective	2	2	nil	nil
not separate for sexes	2	2	nil	nil
Total	8	8	nil	nil

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 108.

Nature of work.	Instances.	Notices served	Prosecutions.
Wearing Apparel—			
Making, &c.	nil	nil	nil
Cleaning and washing	nil	nil	nil
Household linen	nil	nil	nil
Lace, lace curtains and nets	nil	nil	nil
Curtains and furniture hangings	nil	nil	nil
Furniture and upholstery	nil	nil	nil
Electro-plate	nil	nil	nil
File making	nil	nil	nil
Brass and brass articles	nil	nil	nil
Fur pulling	nil	nil	nil
Cables and chains	nil	nil	nil
Anchors and Grapnels	nil	nil	nil
Cart gear	nil	nil	nil
Locks, latches and keys	nil	nil	nil
Umbrellas, &c.	nil	nil	nil
Artificial flowers	nil	nil	nil
Nets, other than wire nets	nil	nil	nil
Tents	nil	nil	nil
Sacks	nil	nil	nil
Racquet and tennis balls	nil	nil	nil
Paper, etc., boxes, paper bags	nil	nil	nil
Brush making	nil	nil	nil
Pea picking	nil	nil	nil
Feather sorting	nil	nil	nil
Carding, &c., of buttons, &c.			
Stuffed toys	nil	nil	nil
Basket making	nil	nil	nil
Chocolates and sweetmeats	nil	nil	nil
Cosaques. Christmas crackers,			
Christmas stockings, &c.	nil	nil	nil
Textile weaving	nil	nil	nil
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Total	nil	nil	nil
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Birth-rate, Death-rate and Analysis of Mortality during the year 1925

(Provisional figures. The rates for England and Wales have been calculated on a population estimated to the middle of 1925, while those for the towns have been calculated on populations estimated to the middle of 1924. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns)

	Birth-rate per 1,000 total population.	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 population.										Rate per 1,000 births		Percentage of total deaths.		
		All causes.	Enteric Fever.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria.	Influenza	Violence.	Diarrhoea & Enteritis (under Two years).	Total deaths under One year.	Causes of Death certified by Registered Medical Practitioners.	Inquest Cases.	Uncertified Causes of Death.	
England and Wales	18.3	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.07	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	92.1	6.9	1.0	
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.30	0.43	10.8	79	92.1	7.3	0.6	
155 Smaller Towns (1921 Adjusted Populations 20,000 - 50,000)	18.3	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.14	0.06	0.31	0.38	7.6	74	93.0	5.9	1.1	
London	18.0	11.7	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.23	0.46	10.6	67	91.1	8.9	0.0	

Causes of Death in Brigg Urban District, 1925.

<i>Causes of Death.</i>		<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Causes of Death.</i>		<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
All Causes...	...	26	19	22	Diarrhoea, &c. (under 2 years)	—	—
1 Enteric fever	...	—	—	23	Appendicitis and typhlitis	—	—
2 Small-pox	...	—	—	24	Cirrhosis of liver	—	—
3 Measles	...	—	—	25	Acute and chronic nephritis	—	1
4 Scarlet fever	...	—	—	26	Puerperal sepsis	—	—
5 Whooping cough	...	1	—	27	Other accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition	—	—
6 Diphtheria	...	—	—	28	Congenital debility and malformation, premature birth	—	1
7 Influenza	...	2	2	29	Suicide	—	—
8 Encephalitis lethargica	...	—	—	30	Other deaths from violence	—	—
9 Meningococcal meningitis	...	—	—	31	Other defined diseases	10	2
10 Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	2	2	32	Causes ill-defined or unknown	—	—
11 Other tuberculous diseases	...	1	1	Special causes (included above)			
12 Cancer, malignant diseases	...	3	4	Poliomyelitis			
13 Rheumatic fever	...	—	—	Polioencephalitis			
14 Diabetes	...	—	1	Deaths of Infants under 1 year			
15 Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	...	2	1	Total ...	...	1	—
16 Heart disease	...	2	2	Illegitimate	...	—	—
17 Arterio-sclerosis	...	—	—	Total Births	...	32	33
18 Bronchitis	...	1	1	Legitimate	...	29	32
19 Pneumonia (all forms)	...	2	1	Illegitimate	...	3	1
20 Other respiratory diseases	...	1	1	Population	...	—	3442
21 Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	—	—				

